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(b) A statement in respect of the China Bazaar Road is laid on the table:—

Complainant.	Number of complaints received during the last three years.
(1) Commissioner or Health Officer, Corporation of Madras	6
(2) Proprietors, Khadi Vastralaya	3
(3) Other shop-keepers and private individuals of the locality	6

(c) An increasing number of cases of obstruction have been charged each year from this area—723 cases in 1931, 822 cases in 1932 and 1,357 cases in 1933. Hawkers and pedlars are, however, still a nuisance.

(d) The Government are not aware that hawkers and pedlars do cause obstruction in the Esplanade Road. As regards the China Bazaar Road, the Police are concentrating their attention in this area for a time.

Administration of Justice

Panchayat Court for Madayi amsam, North Malabar.

* 597 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the people of Madayi amsam (village) in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, applied to the Collector to open a panchayat court in that village;

(b) if so, whether any order has been passed on that petition and what the order is; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to order the opening of a panchayat court there?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) The question will be considered on receipt of a report from the Collector.

Accommodation of the First-class Bench Court, Salem, in the premises formerly occupied by the Superintendent of Post Offices, Salem.

* 598 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government building formerly occupied by the Superintendent of Post Offices in Salem town is vacant; and if so, for how long;

(*b*) whether the building was asked for the use of the First-class Bench Court, and with what result; and

(*c*) whether the First-class Bench Court is occupying a rented building, what monthly rent it pays and since when?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Prisons and Prisoners

Sleeping accommodation for 'A' class prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail.

* 599 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 'A' class prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail were allowed last year to sleep on the verandas, as the rooms were hot and so could not be locked up;

(*b*) whether it was the Inspector-General of Prisons who inspected the jail and recommended the sleeping of 'A' class prisoners on the verandas;

(*c*) whether the 'A' class prisoners are now locked up in their rooms at night; and

(*d*) if so, for what reasons the privilege is now denied to them and on whose instructions?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The information has been called for.

Milk and bread diet for 'A' and 'B' class prisoners during nights.

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkaveeu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that such of the 'A' and 'B' class prisoners who are not accustomed to rice diet in the nights were allowed to have bread and milk diet;

(*b*) whether the above arrangement has now been given up and the prisoners asked to take rice diet;

(*c*) if so, why the bread and milk diet in the nights is discontinued and for how long; and

(*d*) whether the health of such prisoners has been seriously injured thereby?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The information has been called for.

Irrigation

Estimates for a channel to connect the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal with the Cumbum tank.

* 601 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimates were prepared to dig a channel to connect the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal with the Cumbum tank;